



FRIENDS of BILL W.

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Statement of Purpose: "Friends of Bill W." is the newsletter for A.A. District 30 in Virginia. It provides a voice that will cultivate the spirit of our district's common welfare and A.A. unity.

90 Years of Alcoholics Anonymopus:

AA Happenings, Near and Far

SSAASA is coming to Virginia!!!!

SSAASA is the Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, scheduled this year for December 5th - 7th at the **Hyatt Regency Dulles** 2300 Dulles Corner Road, Herndon, VA, United States.

From the SSAASA website (www.ssaasa.com):

"The SSAASA program is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Committee Members, Intergroup and Central Office Representatives, and anyone interested in or involved in AA service.

"The program consists of workshops, panels, round table discussions, and lots of sharing sessions for members to share their experiences in General Service. All AA members are welcome to attend to learn more about our third legacy of service."

Find out about registration and more information on the assembly at www.ssaasa.com!

DISTRICT 30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

July 3rd - Set Up Party for July 4th Picnic

4:30 PM - Pizza, 6:00 PM - Speaker (Brian W.)

July 4th - Party in the Park

10 AM - Welcome, 1 PM - Speaker (Michelle)

Both July 3rd and 4th will occur at:

Loriella Park, Shelter B

10910 Leavells Road, Fredericksburg, VA

AA DISTRICT 30 PRESENTS

RAIN OR SHINE
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
BURGERS HOT DOGS DRINKS
SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

★ *4th of July* ★

PARTY IN THE PARK



LORIELLA PARK | SHELTER B
10:00AM-4:00PM
10910 LEAVELLS RD FREDERICKSBURG VA

DONATIONS\$


JULY 3
4:30P PIZZA
6P SPEAKER

JULY 4
10AM WELCOME
12N NATIONAL ANTHEM
1P SPEAKER

@entertainmentdistrict30aa

Bring a side dish of your choice and don't forget your chair! Grills will be hot and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Please join our Monday Zoom planning meetings at 6 PM on Zoom. Can't make the meetings but still want to help? Fill out the form!



2025 AA International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

July 3rd - 6th, 2025

As of this writing, registration is still possible through links at <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>. That site also includes information regarding travelling to Canada and other considerations for getting to the convention.

Note: According to the web page, it is possible to register to attend the 2025 AA International Convention VIRTUALLY if it is not reasonable for you to travel to Vancouver. Look on the page linked above for opportunity to register for virtual attendance.

If you attend the International Convention and would like to share your experience, please send an email to newsletter.district30va@gmail.com with your account of your time there.

International Convention of Young People in AA

(ICYPAA)

August 28 -31, 2025, The Hilton, Minneapolis, MN

From [ICYPAA.org](https://www.icypaa.org):

"ICYPAA was founded in 1958 for the purpose of providing a setting for an annual celebration of sobriety among young people in Alcoholics Anonymous. It's a weekend event that occurs once per year and consists of panels, workshops, and speaker meetings where recovering alcoholics can share their experience about getting and staying sober. Attendees of all ages come from across the globe to experience this truly remarkable gathering."

"Young People's Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous began appearing around 1945 in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Philadelphia, and now they can be found all across North America. In 1958, a meeting of young AA's from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), and it has met on an annual basis ever since. At the 1960 AA Convention, Bill W. noted that the age of new members was much lower than when he and Dr. Bob founded AA 25 years earlier. In a letter to ICYPAA dated June 15, 1969, Bill wrote, '...in recent years I have found nothing for greater inspiration than the knowledge that A.A. of tomorrow will be safe, and certainly magnificent, in the keeping of you who are the younger generation of A.A. today.'"

Visit [ICYPAA.org](https://www.icypaa.org) and ICYPAA.life for more information about the 65th Annual ICYPAA and how to attend.



New Location for the Fresh Start Meeting!!!!



The daily Fresh Start Group of AA has moved to a new location:

American Legion Post 290, 1141 Mountain View Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

The meeting occurs each day of the week beginning at 12 noon.

The next Fresh Start Group "eating meeting" will take place on Sunday, July 6th, 2025.

Virginia Area Delegate Coming to District 30!!!

Interested in what's happening in AA nationwide? Join us to hear our Virginia Area Delegate report back on this year's GSO Conference!

We are meeting on Saturday, July 26, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, American Legion Post 55, 461 Woodford Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Some food and drinks will be provided, and please bring a dish to share!

This is an afternoon of potluck, fellowship, and important information about how AA is carrying the message around the country! Any member of AA is welcome to attend.

This is a hybrid event, and a zoom link is available by clicking on the event URL if you cannot attend in-person.

Meeting ID: 875 1757 8357

Passcode: 738017

Delegate Report-back

Saturday, July 26
11:30 am - 2 pm

American Legion Post 55
461 Woodford Street
Fredericksburg, 22401

Zoom option available:
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Passcode: 738017

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Or join us online to listen in.